



City of Belen Newsletter

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Your Tax Dollars At Work!



Brand New City Fire Truck

On May of 2008 the Belen Fire Department received its new fire pumper truck purchased from monies provided by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Foundation and Rancho Cielo. Fire Chief Manny Garica thanks Mayor Ronnie Torres, Councilors Terese Ulivarri and Wayne Gallegos for securing the grant to get this truck. The truck is a 2008 K.M.E. Pumper with a 1,000 gallon tank capacity, foam capable and 5 passenger units. The apparatus has 2 cross-lay and one rear section for primary suppression lines. This unit fully equipped will cost \$230,000.00. The fire department will use this apparatus as their primary fire suppression

unit and will respond to all types of fires, to include structure and vehicle fires. This engine will also house the "Jaws of Life" extrication tools. At this time the department maintains 2 A pumpers and a Ladder Truck. This engine will supplement the departments' fleet. The new truck may someday replace the older pumper which is a 1983 Chevrolet. Fire Manny Garcia thanks the contributors of this project and says that the City of Belen has benefited from 2 generous businesses.

The Mayor Speaks

Hello Everyone!

Boy is this year flying by! If you haven't been by the Aragon bridge over the railroad tracks, it looks great. I would like to thank all the neighbors around that area for all their understanding and patience. This bridge was not one of the most popular decision ever made, but I hope all of you will be satisfied with the final result. The entire city should be quieter due to less train whistles and no more waiting to cross the tracks. Once the construction is completed, sometime in the fall, we will be repaving 4th Street from Reinken North to Aragon .

Now, for all you walkers... The second phase of the Belen Community Center is almost complete. You will be pleased because now you can walk all winter, in the warmth of a building. It's safe, and really great for the elderly. And, it's free! Let's not forget the Farmers Market is on again, every Friday at 4:30pm at Anna Becker Park through October.

Christopher Road phase I is now almost complete. We're getting ready to start on Camino del Llano and Delgado streets too. The Camino Del Llano design is nearly complete and the Delgado project will be out for bidding soon.

Until the next time, **Mayor Ronnie Torres**



2008 CALENDAR OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGH THE RECREATION PROGRAM

June	6, 20	Special Needs Dance-RC
	9	Begin SRP-Site TBA
	14	HCMF-HOB
July	5	HCMF-Fireworks!-HOB
	10	Growers Market begins-ABP
	18	Special Needs Dance-RC
	25	End SRP
	26	HCMF-HOB
August	1, 15	Special Needs Dance-RC
September	5, 19	Special Needs Dance-RC
October	3, 17	Special Needs Dance-RC
	11	Fall Fest-ABP
	24	End Growers Market
	25	Halloween Hustle-Fun Run and Walk-EP
	31	Halloween Fest-RC
November	7, 21	Special Needs Dance-RC
	29	Christmas Festival and Miracle on Main Street Electrical Light Parade
December	5, 19	Special Needs Dance-RC
	13	Children's Christmas Festival-RC

Note: All dates subject to change

KEY:

RC-Recreation Center
HOB-Heart of Belen
ABP-Anna Becker Park
EP-Eagle Park
CC-Community Center



City Airport Terminal Grand Opening

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new pilot's lounge on May 17, 2008. Mayor

Ronnie Torres, Airport Manager, Robert Uecker and Tom Baca, head of the NM Aviation Division did the honors. The lounge was paid for with a grant from the State of NM Aviation Division and the City paying 10%. The purpose of the lounge is to provide nice new restrooms with shower and a flight planning area for transit pilots. There is also a kitchenette, conference room, and plenty of room to relax. The lower picture are people enjoying the pancakes served for the fly-in breakfast. Pancakes and coffee were provided by Vickie Husbands of NM Aircraft Propeller.



Memorial Day Weekend

On Saturday, May 26, 2008, a grand Memorial Day Ceremony was held. It was a day of observance for those who have given their lives and a special dedication of a bronze plaque in honor of the Armed Forces past and present who served our country during times of conflict and peace. Keynote speaker, Colonel Andrew Salas, inspired everyone with his words of wisdom, no where was there a dry eye. Placing the wreath at the dedication was Cindy Long, a Gold Star Mother. Ms. Long lost her daughter in Afghanistan. Two Blue Star Mothers present were: Jean Casey and Lenore Pena, both of whom have sons serving at this time. A Moment of Silence was held for those that made the ultimate sacrifice. A bagpipe lament, blessing, gun salute, taps, retire colors and a musical postlude were all part of the ceremony.



SAVE ON GAS—CALL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Belen Public Transportation Department provides a curb-to-curb demand responsive transportation services for the general public within Belen and Rio Communities. We also provide shuttle service to and from the Rail Runner within Belen and Rio Communities. Call 24 hours in advance to schedule all rides. Services run Monday thru Friday. All vehicles-Wheelchair Accessible. Call 864-8360 for schedule and pick-up and drop locations.

Monday-Friday

8:00A.M.—11:30A.M. and 12:30P.M.—4:30 P.M.

1. Transportation trips require a 24 hour advance notice before pick-up, except in the case of an emergency.
2. Time schedule allows 10 minutes leeway for delays.
3. No time schedule for set trips, shopping, essential services, public services. Etc.
4. Trips are schedule (accordingly) when passengers call to schedule a rise.
5. Special events and recreation will be worked in with regular schedule or on weekends.
6. Time schedule and fare fee subject to change.

FEES:

Elderly, disable & Children=

\$0.50 one-way

Youth & Adults under 60=

\$1.00 one way

Special trips =

\$1.50 one way.

